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2017/1
Country programme documents

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* that the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Botswana (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.1) and Haiti (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.2) were made available to Member States for their comments and input from 14 November to 2 December 2016, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1 on modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation;

2. *Approves* on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with decision 2014/1, the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Botswana (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.1) and Haiti (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.2).

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2017/2
Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2017 workplan and proposed budget

A. Private Fundraising and Partnerships budgeted expenses for the 2017 fiscal year (special purpose)

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* for the fiscal year 2017 (1 January to 31 December) budgeted special purpose expenses of $161.3 million, as detailed in the table below.

(millions of United States dollars)	
Investment fund costs funded by special purpose regular resources	70.0
Other private sector fundraising costs funded by special purpose regular resources	46.0
Total private sector fundraising and partnerships costs funded by special purpose regular resources	**116.0**
Private sector fundraising and partnerships costs funded by special purpose other resources	**45.3**
Total special purpose expenses	**161.3**

2. *Authorizes* UNICEF

(a) To incur expenses, as summarized in column II of table 2 of document E/ICEF/2017/AB/L.1, and to decrease or increase expenses, up to the levels indicated in columns I and III of the same table, should the apparent revenue from fundraising decrease or increase to the levels indicated in columns I and III;

(b) To redeploy resources between the various regular resources budget lines (as detailed in paragraph 1), up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the amounts approved;

(c) To spend an additional amount between Executive Board sessions, when necessary, up to the amount caused by currency fluctuations, to implement the 2017 approved workplan.

B. Budgeted revenue for the year 2017

The Executive Board

1. *Notes* that, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017, Private Fundraising and Partnerships revenue is budgeted at $1.49 billion, as shown in column II of table 2 in document E/ICEF/2017/AB/L.1.

C. Policy issues

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* the allocation of investment funds amounting to $70 million for 2017;

2. *Approves* an interim one-month allocation for January 2018 of $11.6 million (or 10 per cent of the special purpose regular resources allocation of $116 million), to be absorbed in the annual Private Fundraising and Partnerships budget for 2018.

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2017/3
Updated road map to and outline of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the preparatory work done and the various informal meetings with the Executive Board on the process of elaboration of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;

2. *Requests* UNICEF to engage constructively with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) to ensure a coherent approach of the four strategic plans (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women);

3. *Also requests* UNICEF, in line with General Assembly resolution 71/243 of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, to elaborate in its strategic plan on how it plans to engage in coherent and integrated support, as called for in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this regard, further requests UNICEF to work collaboratively with UNFPA, UNDP and UN-Women on the development of a specific chapter in its strategic plan outlining a common approach in supporting Member States towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in accordance with each entity's mandate;

4. *Encourages* UNICEF to collaborate with UNFPA, UNDP and UN-Women to continue to harmonize their approaches to results reporting on their

strategic plans, which, inter alia, will help to capture their contributions to collective outcomes;

5. *Requests* UNICEF to provide all relevant documents at least 10 days prior to any consultation.

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2017/4
UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 and report of the Board of Auditors

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2015 (A/71/5/Add.3), as well as recommendations from prior years;

2. *Notes* the 2015 unqualified audit opinions issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors for UNICEF;

3. *Encourages* UNICEF to prioritize the implementation of the eight main audit recommendations identified by the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2015;

4. *Also encourages* UNICEF to continue to strengthen risk management and the implementation of the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers, and to improve the timeliness of monitoring and evaluation, as identified by the Board of Auditors;

5. *Further encourages* UNICEF to fully address the 14 outstanding recommendations from the 2014 report of the Board of Auditors.

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